

Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana
April 19, 2006
Minutes

Commission members in attendance: Ryan McCann, John von Arx, Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, Dr. Tim Kelly, James Lyons, Don Parker, Jeff Barber, Sheriff Mark Frisbie, Bill McCormick, and Senator Dennis Kruse

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute staff in attendance: David Stewart and Heather Bolejack

Community Consultants in attendance: Lin Montgomery, Jen Bushore, Tim Retherford, Maggie Lewis, and Rebecca Smith

Others in attendance: Beth Baker, Randy Miller, Sandy Theibe, Kathy Walker, Elaine Pastore, Mono Pastore, Fran Safford, and Dan Crowe

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman John von Arx.

I. Welcome/Announcements

Chairman von Arx mentioned that Sonya Cleveland is at a conference and unable to attend today.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman von Arx stated that minutes needed to be approved for January, February, and March. Jeff moved to approve the minutes from January, February, and March. Senator Kruse seconded. The motion passed.

III. Old Business

Meth Free Indiana Strategic Plan Update

The plan is moving forward. The goal is to break the plan down into the top ten needs throughout the state. The Strategic Plan is being put together by Colleen Copple. The charge will be to bring all entities together with similar goals and integrated plans. At the May meeting, we will spend more time reviewing the Meth Free Indiana Strategic Plan and how that will be integrated into the Commission's broader Strategic Plan.

Status of Regional Meetings

Not all the dates have been set, but these meetings will be scheduled to get time with LCC representatives. This will allow some time to discuss issues and work with LCCs better.

Status of Letter Acknowledging LCCs

An issue came up in one county that there is a need to have documentation of LCC status. Dave Stewart is working on a letter to make LCCs official. Dave stated he is reviewing the statutes to make sure the process is done properly.

Allen County Town Hall Meeting.

Chairman von Arx announced that Mike Cunegin was unable to be here today. Mike wanted everyone to know that he hosted a Town Hall meeting in Allen County on substance abuse. The event had a nice turn out. The issues discussed were meth and how it affects the urban areas as well as underage drinking. There will be a follow up to the Town Hall meeting. A video ("Regret") was viewed that was presented at the Town Hall meeting. The video is about a young man from Huntington County who was drinking and driving and how a crash impacted a community. The family who lost their son was present at the forum and spoke. John asked the group what the Commission's role should be in supporting those who want to tell similar stories. Dr. Mullinax indicated that he will be using this video in the classes he teaches for habitual traffic offenders. The

family is selling this video and provided one for the Commission to use. John would like to have all Commission members consider how this can be used. John asked the LCCs present how they might see this being used. Beth Baker shared that they used “This Place” from FACE at their Town Hall Meeting. The Town Hall Meeting in Marion County also used that video. Marion County’s Town Hall meeting will be shown on the local access channel. Jen Bushore suggested the Youth Subcommittee come up with a plan to support this family’s effort. John would like the Subcommittee to bring back ideas to the Commission. Jeff said that he would be willing to share the information on this video with Safe & Drug Free Schools Coordinators. They do not usually market materials but think this is something that is worth sharing and is not a money making venture. Jeff suggested that we include underage drinking in strategic plan.

IV. Committee Reports

Policy/Operations

Bill stated that he and Sonya met last week to discuss how to work through Comprehensive Community Plans. It was decided that Sonya will review Comprehensive Community Plan Updates and the subcommittee will review new plans. Monroe County submitted a written request for a 30 day extension. This was granted. Wells County submitted a written request to submit a new plan instead of a plan update. The update is due in October. Their request for a new plan was granted. Revision to the instructions for submitting plans and updates will be done in the financial information section. The revision will request that LCCs provide the total amount of appropriations from the county and an explanation if not all the monies are allocated in the grant process.

Legislation

Steve Clouse was unable to attend the meeting today and the subcommittee has not met in the last month.

Youth

Andie Marshall was unable to attend the meeting today and the subcommittee has not met in the last month.

Communications

Melissa Long was unable to attend the meeting today and the subcommittee has not met in the last month.

SPF-SIG (Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant)

Sheriff Frisbie stated the meeting yesterday was very productive. Bylaws were discussed, as well as the advisory council’s mission and will be voted on at the next meeting. The SPF-SIG serves at the will of the Governor and made sure that the bylaws stated such. The EPI group’s purpose is to gather data. There were suggestions to include a Community Consultants on the EPI committee. There will also be a Vice Chairman appointed to the committee. Mark thinks it would be appropriate for John von Arx to serve in that role. Things are going well. Some of the key things include CJI as a key role in supervising what is happening to match what is going on statutorily.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Subcommittee met this morning. They called in to Colleen Copple to include her in the conversation. The Subcommittee wants to do something concrete and their charge is to improve and coordinate efforts of the Commission. They really want to make a plan that is useable and achievable. The next meeting will be in the next three weeks. Anyone who has interest is welcome to join the subcommittee. The draft of the plan was shared and John shared that this is where we are now. John provided an overview of the plan as it is written now. Most importantly, the state agencies need to know what is going on with funding so that monies can be spent for the biggest impact. The second step is to make sure that Local Coordinating Councils are knowledgeable of all monies coming into the local community and how those funds are being used. This Meth

Free Indiana plan will be used as part of the Strategic Plan for the Commission. Sheriff Frisbie shared that training for law enforcement is not centralized. He would like to the Commission and CJI take a role in bringing together a centralized training for the state. Someone needs to be the gatekeeper of what training is going on throughout the state and quality of training. Dr. Mullinax shared that he thinks cross training is very important. Sheriff Frisbie would like this to be one of the Commission's goals. Dr. Kelly said that he thought that was something that could be included in the plan. Sheriff Frisbie shared that we have to start looking at how to communicate statewide among law enforcement. Data collection is still an issue that will need to be addressed as well. The next meeting is May 11th for the Strategic Prevention Subcommittee. At the next Commission meeting, John shared that about 2 hours will be focused on the strategic plan.

V. Commission Activity Report

The West Central Region shared what LCCs in that area are doing. Jen shared history of regional meetings. Kathy Walker shared information on what is going on in Fountain County. Elaine Pastore spoke about activities in Vermillion County. Rebecca shared a summary of her counties. Sandy Thiebe shared information about the LCC in Morgan County. Jen and Rebecca shared written reports from all counties in the West Central Region. Rebecca shared some items produced by LCCs in her area with the Commission.

Jeff shared that the Federal Safe & Drug Free Schools Funds has been zeroed out in the initial budget.

VI. Drug Free Marion County

Randy Miller introduced two board members from Drug Free Marion County. Randy shared that they have been working with Sonya to put together a proposal to bring \$2.8 million to the state for treatment opportunities. Randy shared that they just submitted a Comprehensive Community Plan Update and working towards a new plan due in January 2007. Drug Free Marion County is concerned with some of the changes that have happened with the Comprehensive Community Plan. He listed several issues with the new format. It has been difficult for them to make changes to their old plan. John thanked Drug Free Marion County bringing these issues to the Commission. John asked some questions to clarify issues. John said that we will take this information under consideration and appreciate Drug Free Marion County coming to share their concerns.

John would like those present today to consider how we do a better job of measuring results. He is open to LCCs sharing their thoughts with him so that the Commission can take these things under consideration. John asked LCCs and Community Consultants what level of difficulty in gathering data. Randy shared that they have a difficult time gathering data in Marion County because of the number of organizations.

VII. New Business

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.